

Amendment No. 1 to HJR0350

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AMEND <SB>

House Joint Resolution No. 350*

by deleting in its entirety all language following the caption of the introduced resolution and substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in welcoming to Tennessee yet another committed conservative and great American; and

WHEREAS, Candace Owens is an astute and highly popular American conservative author, political commentator, and activist; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens has earned the admiration and respect of millions of Americans through her activism in support of President Trump as a black woman and her perceptive criticism of creeping socialism and leftist political tyranny; and

WHEREAS, she worked for the conservative advocacy group Turning Point USA between 2017 and 2019 as its communications director; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens hosted her weekly podcast, *The Candace Owens Show*, with PragerU between 2019 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, she joined *The Daily Wire*, for which she hosts *Candace*, a late-night political talk show that features political and cultural issues of the day with her signature blend of intelligence and humor; *Candace* features celebrity interviews and panel discussions with the world's most influential thought leaders and cultural mavens; and

WHEREAS, like many intelligent conservatives, Candace Owens has relocated from Washington, D.C., to the State of Tennessee, which will happily reap the positive economic benefits resulting from the depopulation of our so-called elite liberal cities; and

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C.'s loss is most certainly Tennessee's gain, as Mrs. Owens will not only contribute significantly to our economy but also add to our already burgeoning pool of creative talent; and

WHEREAS, in response to the question, "Why is it do you think that so many conservative media outlets and people are moving to Nashville and Middle Tennessee?" Mrs. Owens responded:

"Because they're being chased out. The policies of New York and Los Angeles are no longer desirable. It's not a place to raise a family. Look at the crime rates that are skyrocketing. What you're really seeing in these coastal cities is just a manifestation of these socialist policies. The socialist thuggery as I like to say that these Democrats come up with and people realize that you just can't live like that.

It doesn't work when you're incentivizing criminality. It doesn't work when you're punishing people as law-abiding citizens. It doesn't work when everything becomes an expense to the law-abiding taxpayer and everything becomes free to people that don't want to pay taxes. People that don't want to have borders and that don't want to have rules. And so, the people are fleeing. I think I read the other day that the top two states that people are running to are Texas and Tennessee. And we were itching to get to one or the other and here we are. I'm a Nashville resident and that just feels amazing to say."; and

WHEREAS, we Tennesseans have always known that socialism is a delusional chimera of the Left that doesn't work in a free society, that rules and borders are vital to our survival as a nation, and that law-abiding citizens are the very backbone of our society and without whom we cannot prosper; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owens will serve as another robust voice against socialism and criminality as a Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we congratulate Candace Owens on relocating to Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for success with her new show.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.